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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Examiner: Duffy, P.

Heath et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Serial No.: 08/699,716

Atty Docket: 003/029/SAP

Filed: August 27, 1996

For: Recombinant F1-V Plague Vaccine

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Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited procedure
Group Art Unit 1645
March 12, 2001

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RESPONSE

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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000 in the subject application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 12, 2001. The date for response is hereby extended to include today's date by petition and payment of the proper fee herewith.

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Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel nonelected claims 18-29 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in another properly filed application.

Kindly cancel claim 32 without prejudice.